

REMARKS

The Title has been amended to address informalities noted during review of the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee(s) Due dated December 10, 2004. The undersigned requested an amendment to the title in the Response to June 7, 2004 Office Action filed September 7, 2004, a copy of which is attached.

No new matter is added by the amendment to the Title.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO JUNE 7, 2004 OFFICE ACTION

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AMENDMENTS

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Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the title as follows:

Paper ~~Package Skis~~ Packaging Apparatus

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Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-38 (cancelled).

Claim 39 (new): A paper packaging apparatus comprising:

a paper package holder configured to retain a package thereon during insertion of a clip of paper into the package; and

a paper packaging ski configured to insert the clip of paper into the package, the ski comprising:

an edge extending longitudinally from a tip of the ski;

a pair of opposing lateral surfaces extending from the edge, the edge and lateral surfaces being configured to support the clip of paper; and

a notch extending laterally into the edge.

Claim 40 (new): The apparatus of claim 39 further comprising a compression unit operatively aligned between the paper package holder and the paper packaging ski, the compression unit configured to compress the clip of paper prior to insertion of the clip of paper into the package.

Claim 41 (new): The apparatus of claim 39 wherein the notch extends longitudinally along the edge from the tip of the ski.

Claim 42 (new): The apparatus of claim 39 wherein the notch extends at least $\frac{1}{4}$ inch into the edge.

Claim 43 (new): The apparatus of claim 39 wherein the notch extends at least $\frac{1}{2}$ inch into the edge.

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Claim 44 (new): The apparatus of claim 39 wherein the edge comprises a ramped portion which extends at an angle relative to another portion of the edge.

Claim 45 (new): The apparatus of claim 44 wherein the ramped portion extends from the tip of the ski.

Claim 46 (new): The apparatus of claim 44 wherein the ramped portion extends at a 9 degree angle relative to the another portion of the edge.

Claim 47 (new): The apparatus of claim 39 wherein the clip of paper comprises facial tissue.

Claim 48 (new): The apparatus of claim 39 wherein the edge comprises a width and the notch is approximately centered relative to the width.

Claim 49 (new): The apparatus of claim 39 wherein the notch extends the entire length of the edge of the ski.

Claim 50 (new): The apparatus of claim 39 wherein the package comprises a boutique-type box.

Claim 51 (new): A paper packaging apparatus comprising:

a paper package holder configured to retain a facial tissue package thereon during insertion of a clip of facial tissue into the package; and

a compression unit operatively aligned with the paper package holder, the compression unit configured to compress the clip of facial tissue prior to insertion of the clip of facial tissue into the package.

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Claim 52 (new): The apparatus of claim 51 wherein the paper package comprises a boutique-type box.

Claim 53 (new): The apparatus of claim 51 wherein the compression unit comprises a pair of plates configured to press against the peripheral regions of the clip of facial tissue.

Claim 54 (new): The apparatus of claim 51 further comprising a bar operatively aligned with the compression unit and configured to insert the clip of facial tissue into the facial tissue package.

Claim 55 (new): The apparatus of claim 54 wherein the bar comprises:

- a first surface extending longitudinally along a first direction;
- a pair of second surfaces extending upwardly from the first surface, the second surfaces laterally opposing one another; and
- wherein the first surface is curved upwardly between the pair of second surfaces.

Claim 56 (new): The apparatus of claim 55 wherein the bar further comprises a pair of corners, each of the pair of corners being formed at the point where each of the pair of second surfaces extend upwardly from the first surface.

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Remarks

Claims 33-38 have been cancelled and new claims 39-56 have been added. New claims 39-56 are supported at, for example, Figures 4-8, and pages 7-12 of the Specification and therefore do not constitute new matter. Claims 39-56 are pending in the application.

Claim 39 recites a paper packaging apparatus that includes a paper package holder configured to retain a package thereon during insertion of a clip of paper and a paper packaging ski configured to insert the clip of paper into the package. Claim 39 further recites that the ski includes an edge extending from a tip of the ski, and a pair of opposing lateral surfaces extending from the edge with the edge and lateral surfaces being configured to support the clip of paper. Claim 39 also recites that the ski includes a notch extending laterally into the edge. For at least the reason the cited references do not teach or suggest a paper packaging apparatus that includes a ski having these features, claim 39 is allowable.

Claims 40-50 depend from claim 39 and are allowable for at least the reasons stated above regarding claim 39.

Claim 51 recites a paper packaging apparatus that includes a paper packaging holder configured to retain a facial tissue package thereon during insertion of a clip of facial tissue into the package. Claim 51 goes on to recite that the apparatus also includes a compression unit operatively aligned with the paper package holder and configured to compress the clip of facial tissue prior to insertion of the clip of facial tissue into the package. Claim 51 is allowable for at least the reason the cited references do not teach or suggest a paper packaging apparatus having these features.

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Claims 52-56 depend from claim 51 and are allowable for at least the reasons given above regarding claim 51.

Claims 39-56 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 39-56 in the Examiner's next action.

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